



AMERICAN STEAMSHIP IS REPORTED SUNK BY RUSSIANS

BATTLE CRUISERS SEND WASHINGTON TO BOTTOM OF SEA

Berlin Reports Disaster, News Having Been Received from Constantinople—Fate of Crew Unknown.

BLACK SEA FLEET IS BLAMED

Stars and Stripes Were Flying When Warships Open Fire, According to Unofficial Report—German Submarine Attacks English Steamship But Latter Escapes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople has confirmed the sinking of the Washington. He said the vessel was sunk in Trebizond harbor by Russian warships during a bombardment of that city.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—The sinking of the American steamship Washington in the Black sea by Russian warships is reported here in semi-official reports received from Constantinople. The reports declared that the Washington was sunk while flying the American flag. No mention is made of the fate of the crew.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.—The German submarine, U-2, yesterday attacked the steamship Laertes, owned by the Ocean Steamship company, off the Mas lightship. The captain manipulated the liner so the torpedo missed its mark. The German continued to fire and one of the funnels of the steamship was riddled. The Laertes finally eluded the submarine. The news of the attack was received here by wireless.

Gaby in the Movies. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Gaby Desly made her debut to film fans today. In an original story of the stage, "Her Triumph," the Parisian dancer appeared in four reels released by a producing company today. Harry Pileer, until recently Gaby's dancing partner, appears in the films.

Evangeline Booth ill. CINCINNATI, Feb. 11.—Commander Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation army who is ill at a hotel here, was reported to be suffering from peritonitis. Miss Booth's physician said her condition was not necessarily serious, but she could not be moved from the hotel for the next 35 hours.

AVIATORS BOMBARD TRENCHES OF FOE

Both Sides Take to the Air in Effort to Dislodge the Troops—Heavy Artillery Pounds Below.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—A bombardment of the trenches by airmen from both sides is in progress on the entire line in northern France and Flanders the war office announced. The aviators are signaling the range to artillerymen who are keeping the guns constantly in action. From sea to the Champagne region both sides are using their entire artillery strength. Many villages and towns in the rear of the actual fighting are suffering. The Germans have been repulsed in the Mesnilles-Burluis region.

NEWS SUMMARY

- General. American steamship Washington reported sunk in Black sea by Russian fleet.
- British seizes food cargo of American vessel.
- People in Berlin in food riot. Wilson will not consent to compromise on shipping bill.
- Local. Indian, convicted of bigamy, would rid himself of one wife by divorce suit.
- New land added to productive area of county by homesteaders on Butter Creek.
- City official map is adopted.
- 20th annual convention of county Sunday school association at Echo next week.
- Dr. Holler fails to down Heinrich three times in hour.

Women Must End the War



Mrs. Havelock Ellis, psychologist, who is now lecturing in America. Mrs. Ellis is a Lancashire woman and has worked out her economic independence in a cottage in Middlesex. "The best way to keep marriage a romance," she says, "is to have just as little law and compulsion about the relations of husband and wife as is possible."

WILSON WILL NOT CONSENT TO COMPROMISE ON SHIPPING BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—After a conference with Senators Fletcher and Simmons and Representative Kitchin, President Wilson decided he would not consent to a compromise on the ship purchase bill, it was stated on high authority.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Republican and democratic senators who oppose the government ship purchase bill, aided by Senators Norris and Keaton, progressive republicans, who have stood by the bill, forced an adjournment last night of the longest continuous session in the history of the senate and made more uncertain than ever the fate of the measure which the administration has so urgently pressed on congress.

On the adjournment, after 54 hours and 11 minutes of continuous debate, leading members of both houses of congress conceded that an extra session to be called soon after March 4 seemed inevitable. There were some however, who still hoped that there yet might be time to dispose of appropriation bills and the ship purchase measure in some form before adjournment. Administration Still Hopeful. Adjournment came on a motion made by Senator O'Gorman, which prevailed by 48 to 46, after Senator

RUSSIANS RETREAT ALONG WHOLE LINE BEFORE AUSTRIANS

Slavs Withdrawing From Bukovina, According to Statement From War Office at Vienna.

CARPATHIANS SNOW-BOUND

Passes Are Blocked and Progress Is Slow—Russians Offering Desperate Resistance to Advance of German-Austro Army But Series of Successes Claimed by Latter.

VIENNA, Feb. 11.—The Russians are in full retreat from Bukovina, it was announced here. Austro-German forces have driven the enemy beyond Zucozawa and the Slavs are retreating along the whole line, although they are offering a stubborn resistance, it was stated.

The Austrian office claims success for the Austro-German troops, further stating that a series of victories have been achieved by the Germans. Battles in the passes of the Carpathian mountains continue and sanguinary struggles are in progress at many points.

Violent opposition is being offered by the Russians to the Austrian and German combined army which is attempting to raise the siege of Przemyel but it was declared the allies were making steady progress.

The passes through the Carpathians are filled with snow and as all the bridges in the battle zone have been destroyed by the Slavs, progress in the fighting is slow.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 11.—The achievements of a flotilla of destroyers from the Russian Black sea fleet which resulted in the sinking of more than 50 Turkish sailing craft are recited in an announcement by the government. Destroyers have bombarded the Turkish batteries at Trebizond, silencing them, it was also announced. In the vicinity of Plantana, the vessels destroyed a number of bridges.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Petrograd dispatches declare the Germans have been forced to evacuate Lodz in Russian Poland, one of the most important points in the defense of Warsaw. They declared the Germans have moved their headquarters to Kalisz and that the Russians have recaptured Lodz. No confirmation of this has been received at the official press bureau.

When Von Hindenburg occupied Lodz early in December the Russian war office denied Berlin reports that the Russians had been "driven out." Petrograd declared the city had been abandoned without a fight "for strategic reasons." If the Petrograd dispatches are true the Germans, in turn have been forced to evacuate the city "for strategic reasons."

GREY SEES LITTLE CHANCE FOR PEACE

Foreign Minister Declares Nothing Can be Gained by Making Proposals—Germany Not Ready.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—England and her allies see no likelihood of an opening which would lead to an early peace with Germany and Austria. Foreign Minister Grey made this plain in the house of commons today. Responding to a question by a labor member as to what terms the allies were willing to offer Germany and Austria at present, Grey said: "The recent public utterances of Germany have not given us a reason to suppose that the object of the questioner will be promoted by adopting the course suggested or by outlining tentative terms of peace."

A small group of labor members in the house are advocating sounding Germany on the question of peace. Grey's statement is construed as indicating that Germany has no desire to consider a peace proposal at present.

North Pole Controversy Shelved. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Efforts to reopen the North Pole controversy in congress were shelved in the house education committee, which voted to proceed no further with resolutions for that purpose.

PEOPLE OF BERLIN STORM SHOPS WHEN DOORS ARE CLOSED

Serious Potato Riots Are Reported in London—Police Called to Put Down the Trouble.

STERN MEASURES REQUIRED

Municipal Market is Closed When Supply is Exhausted but People Will Not Be Satisfied—England May Establish Blockade of the Coast of Germany Soon.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Serious riots in the potato market in Berlin yesterday were reported by the Exchange Telegraph. He declared the municipal market closed at 11 o'clock when the supply of potatoes was exhausted. Fighting crowds stormed the shops, he asserts, and the police were required to use stern measures to suppress them. Berlin breweries have been ordered to reduce their output.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Premier Asquith announced a "house of commons that the British government is considering drastic measures to paralyze German commerce, saying the recent "flagrant breaches" of the rules of international warfare made such action necessary. While the premier did not disclose the action contemplated it is generally understood the German submarine blockade of the English coast will be followed by an actual blockade of the German coast by the English fleet.

Supplementary Road Bill. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 11.—Representative Vawter of Jackson county introduced a supplementary road bill in the house, amending the present road law to impose a tax of one mill for road purposes. A general road bill was introduced by Sam Brown, creating a new basis for road assessment.

J. D. Biddle's Daughter Engaged



Miss Cordella Biddle. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—One of the most interesting engagements of the winter was announced simultaneously in this city and Philadelphia. It was that of Miss Cordella J. Biddle, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, of Philadelphia, to Mr. Angus G. Duke, of this city. Mr. Duke is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin N. Duke and is connected with the large industries of his father and uncle, James B. Duke. He was graduated from Trinity College in 1905 and since that time has spent the greater part of his time in this city.

BRITAIN SEIZES FOOD CARGO OF WILHELMINA

English Officials Take Charge of Consignment Aboard American Vessel at Falmouth.

OWNERS OF SHIP ARE PREPARING TO LODGE A PROTEST

Steamer Dacia Sails From Norfolk With Cargo of Cotton for Germany Despite Warning.

FALMOUTH, Feb. 11.—The cargo of foodstuffs carried by the American steamer Wilhelmina and destined for Germany was seized today by the British government. Officials at this port took possession of the steamer and the cargo is being unloaded. The final disposition of the food will be determined by a prize court. The steamer will not be seized and will be allowed to sail as soon as the cargo is removed.

It is understood that the ship's owners will enter a claim that the cargo cannot be seized as it left the United States before the announcement of the seizure of foodstuffs was made.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 11.—The American stamer Dacia, loaded with cotton destined for Germany, sailed

RELIEF IS FURNISHED WESTERN AND MIDDLE-WESTERN SHIPPERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Vital relief for western and middle western shippers is embodied in a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the intermountain case. The railroads are permitted by the ruling to establish rates from the Missouri river territory to Pacific points lower than to intermediate destinations. The decision is the result of the revolutionary effect the opening of the canal will have on rates to Pacific coast territory. Terminals to which the new rates apply are points at which Atlantic and Pacific steamships deliver freight.

SENATE TURNS DOWN MAJORITY REPORT TO KILL RITNER BILL

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 11.—The house adopted the minority report of the ways and means committee on the road bill introduced by Brown of Marion, and it was passed to a third reading and final passage. The senate, by refusing to adopt the majority report in favor of killing the bill providing that hereafter members of the railroad commission must be elected one each from the three congressional districts, went on record as giving eastern Oregon a representation on the state railroad commission. The bill is now up for a third reading and passage.

MANY NEW HOMESTEADS TAKEN UP ADD TO WEALTH OF COUNTY

New wealth has been added to Umatilla county and her productive acreage has been materially increased within the past year by the homesteading of several thousand acres of land west of Butter Creek. According to well informed persons between 15 and 20 homesteads have been taken up and approximately 25 or 30 families have already established themselves upon their land. The land thus homesteaded was formerly reserved by the government for irrigation purposes but about a year ago was thrown open to settlement. It is high bench land west of Butter Creek and beyond the project of the Western Land & Irrigation Co. The soil is good, it is said, and already it has given indications of producing good crops of barley and wheat. Heretofore, the land was wild and grew bunch grass in abundance, and was used only for stock range.

Two Battleships Favored. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—President Wilson (old Chairman Tillman, of the senate naval committee, that he believed that congress should provide for two battleships this year. He also said he disagreed with Mr. Tillman's contention that none should be built this year, but that four should be constructed next year on lessons of the European war.